

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to enable communication, said apparatus comprising:

5 a storage section which receives and stores application data from at least one of the computers together with user identification information for identifying a user of the computer from which the application data is received;

a sheet counter section which prepares page information from said application data; and

10 a controller section which controls the apparatus to print said application data on a front surface of a sheet and to print the user identification information and the page information on a back surface of the sheet, said front surface being a surface on which printing is performed during one-surface printing, and said
15 back surface being opposite to the front surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is outputted;

wherein the controller section controls the apparatus to print the user identification information and the page information on the back surface of the sheet on an edge of the sheet that is first output from a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged, and the controller section controls the apparatus to print the user identification information and the

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page information in a reverse direction with respect to a
direction of printing on the front surface.

2. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a setting section which stores setting information for setting whether or not to print said page information and said user identification information received from said network,

wherein the controller section judges whether or not the page information and the user identification information are to be printed on the back surface of the sheet based on the setting information stored in said setting section.

3. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet counter section uses a number of printed sheets as the total number of pages when the application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

4. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

5. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information is prepared by subtraction from a total number of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to enable communication, said apparatus comprising:

a storage section which receives and stores application data
5 from at least one of the computers;

a sheet counter section which prepares page information from said application data;

an identification information storage section which stores
respective identification information applied to each stored
10 application data; and

a controller section which controls the apparatus to print
said application data on a front surface of a sheet and to print
the identification information assigned to the application data
along with the page information on a back surface of the sheet,
15 said front surface being a surface on which printing is performed
during one-surface printing, and said back surface being opposite

to the front surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is outputted;

20 wherein the controller section controls the apparatus to
print the identification information and the page information on
the back surface of the sheet on an edge of the sheet that is
first output from a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is
discharged, and the controller section controls the apparatus to
25 print the identification information and the page information in
a reverse direction with respect to a direction of printing on
the front surface.

8. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

5 a setting section which stores setting information for setting whether or not to print said page information ~~received from said network,~~

wherein the controller section judges whether or not the page information and said identification information are to be printed on the back surface of the sheet based on the setting information stored in said setting section.

9. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet counter section uses

a number of printed sheets as the total number of pages when the application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

10. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page information is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

11. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page information is prepared by subtraction from a total number of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to enable communication, said method comprising:

5 receiving and storing application data from at least one of the computers together with user identification information for identifying a user of the computer from which the application data is received;

10 preparing page information from said application data by a sheet counter section; and

printing said application data on a front surface of a sheet and printing said user identification information and said page information on a back surface of the sheet, said front surface being a surface on which printing is performed during one-surface printing, and said back surface being opposite to the front surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is outputted; wherein the user identification information and the page information are printed on the back surface of the sheet on an edge of the sheet that is first output from a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged, and the user identification information and the page information are printed in a reverse direction with respect to a direction of printing on the front surface.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising judging whether or not said page information and the user identification information are to be printed based on setting information, stored in a setting section, for setting whether or not to print said page information and said user identification information received from said network.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page

information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet
counter section uses a number of printed sheets as the total
5 number of pages when the application data is printed on both
sides of the sheet.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the
image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page
information is prepared by addition in order of the discharged
sheets.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image
forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page
information is prepared by subtraction from ~~the~~ a total number
of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

Claim 18 (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an image
forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of
computers are connected in order to enable communication,
comprising:

5 receiving and storing application data from at least one
of the computers;

preparing page information from said application data by a sheet counter section;

applying respective identification information to each stored application data from an identification information storage section which stores the identification information; and

printing said application data on a front surface of a sheet and printing the identification information associated with the application data, together with said page information, on a back surface of the sheet, said front surface being a surface on which printing is performed during one-surface printing, and said back surface being opposite to the front surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is outputted;

wherein the identification information and the page information are printed on the back surface of the sheet on an edge of the sheet that is first output from a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged, and the identification information and the page information are printed in a reverse direction with respect to a direction of printing on the front surface.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising judging whether or not said page information and the ~~user~~ identification information are to be printed based on setting

5 information, stored in a setting section, for setting whether or not to print said page information and said ~~user~~ identification information ~~received from said network~~.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet counter section uses a number of printed sheets as the total
5 number of pages when the application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page information is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page information is prepared by subtraction from ~~the~~ a total number of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

Claim 24 (Canceled).